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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - IRAN

11. LEAD STORIES: All Wednesday morning papers gave top play to the planned election today of DPJ President Hatoyama as the nation's 93rd prime minister by both houses of the Diet.

12. "Iran Trying to Avert Sanctions" On Iran's likely talks concerning its nuclear development with UN Security Council members plus Germany in early October, the business-oriented Nikkei wrote (9/16): "By holding talks with the six countries, Iran is trying to head off enhanced sanctions, which the U.S. and Europe are calling for. Additional stress on the domestic economy by stronger sanctions would undermine the foundation of President Ahmadinejad, who is preoccupied with trying to settle the confusion that has continued since the presidential election. By showing a positive stance toward dialogue, Tehran is also hoping to drive a wedge into the six-nation group by enticing Russia and China to come over to its side."

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